

with National league batting. So has Humphries, and Zabel has done a few things that mark him as a comer. Now Standridge and Adams are forging to the front. In games against the Phillies and Mackmen each recruit has done his task well, and both may get plenty of exercise during the early days of the season, when the weather is not quite balmy enough for veteran arms. Humphries is a late starter and does his best work if he is kept back until about the middle of May.

Chicago University ball team defeated Western Electrics, 6 to 2, in first practice game of season.

William Huey was knocked out of first place in the international three-cushion billiard tourney when Moore of New York defeated him, 50 to 43. The victory tied Moore for second place. John Daly of New York is now in the lead with seven victories and one defeat. De Oro, who defeated Morin, 50 to 32, running out in 52 innings, a new low mark for the tourney, is fourth. Other scores: Ellis 50, Jevne 39; Capron 50, Lean 48. Today's matches: Ellis and Kleckhefer, Daly and Morin, Haliman and Jevne, De Oro and Huey.

Silent Martin whaled Al McCoy in a ten-round bout at New York. Martin weighed nine pounds less than the middleweight.

#### Indoor Ball Scores.

Loyola 4, Leo XIII 2.

Humboldt 11, St. Peters 7.

Northwestern 17, Shamrocks 8.

#### HUBBY'S MISHAPS

While preparing dinner for himself and son Avon (his better half being away), Homer Holcroft fried eggs to a frazzle, toasted bread to a crumbling brown and scorched his hand to a fresh beef color.—Lebanon (Ohio) Western Star.

Germany and Austria now know exactly how the owl and the prairie dog feel when the third party to their entente shakes its tail.

## ARMY OF DESPAIR

By Fred Isler, Sec'y Hoboes' Union.

**MISSIONS.**—To find a shelter during the winter time is a problem to the man who is out of a job. That is, if he is homeless and destitute. It is not an easy matter by any means to always be fortunate enough to get the necessary 10 to 15 cents to pay for a bed in a cheap lodging house. In the summer time the problem is simplicity itself. The floor of a convenient box car, the public park, the water front, even a back lot will do. All a man has to do is to spread a newspaper, lay upon it, and if the policeman does not disturb him the problem is solved. But when Jack Frost is back again the great question that confronts the destitute man is: How shall I get the "price" of a bed or a place to shelter me? If he happens to be an experienced "moucher" he generally gets it. However, in the case of the majority of the unemployed, who as a rule are too timid or else will not lower themselves to beg on the streets, and for various reasons will not go to the municipal lodging house, there remains but one alternative—the floor of a mission.

Chicago has many such places most always located in neighborhoods where the laboring element predominate. Seldom are they to be found in the residential sections of this and other cities where the well-to-do reside. There magnificent churches built of stones and having all the up-to-date conveniences and modern comforts welcome the worshippers. The mission by the corner with its poor accommodations is good enough for the man in overalls. Yet we are told that in this country there are no classes.

In the summer time the missions, like the churches, have a slim attendance and the appeals of the gospel workers appear to fall on deaf ears. In the winter time, especially this